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TO whom it may concern:

We have been informed of the act of forcing hens to molt. The United States Egg Industry deprives millions of hens of food for up to two weeks. This stresses the immune system to shut down and not protect the hens and eggs of Salmonella infection.

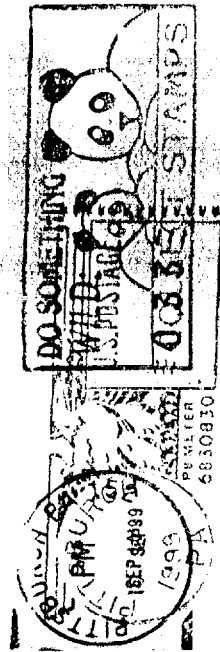
The FDA can ban farm practices that injure human health. So, forced molting should be banned because it has been scientifically spread Salmonella. In April 1998, the FDA was petitioned to ban forced molting, which should be granted immediately. The source of the health threat should be stopped at the root, not covered up by warnings and labels.

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